

# THE LISTENING POST

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MEMORIAL DAY.

THIS is the day we set aside to honor those who played to its end the greatest game of all. We cannot believe that the dead are lonely. Their bodies may sleep in this land of their birth or in the depths of the ocean or under little white crosses in some foreign land, but we like to think of the flaming spirit that carried them through the game as Kipling thought of it when he wrote:

"Beyond the path of the outmost sun, through ether darkness hurled;  
Further than ever comet flared or vagrant star-dust scintillated,  
Live such as fought and sailed and ruled and loved and made our world.  
And oftentimes cometh our wise Lord God, master of every trade,  
And tells them tales of His daily toil, of Edens newly made;  
And they rise to their feet as He passes by, gentlemen unafraid."

We think, somehow, that it is the living who are lonely. The mothers and fathers and wives and sweethearts who saw their soldiers depart. Or even those who came back to the old jobs that seemed so strange, or to spend their days in out of the way hospitals; whose only special privileges are to wear a piece of ribbon or a bit of bronze on a shabby coat, or to see queer visions when confronted by a motorman uniform. No one cares now to listen to stories of Bull Run or Shiloh or El Caney or Belleau Wood. Our wars are over, but it isn't a bad thing to remember them once a year.

Among all the athletic events of to-day the local fans probably will find nothing to interest them more intensely than the morning and afternoon games at the Polo Grounds. The Giants wish to tuck all the victories they can under their belts before starting on their Western trip.

Judge Landis is expected to be in New York to-day, and it is very likely that the Giants will lay before him the matter of the reinstatement of Benjie Knaff.

Harvard may well be proud of its unexpectedly good showing in the intercollegiate games. The wearers of the Crimson certainly came through.

The tremendous hold that golf has in England is easily explained. Playing in the British amateur tournament, just completed, were newspaper men, Members of Parliament, clerks of all sorts, members of the nobility, small shopkeepers, men from Oxford and Cambridge, officers of the army and navy, gardeners, representatives of every class and kind.

Supposing that you were good enough to play in some international event, and when you got ready to start you found among your opponents Herbert Hoover and the little groceryman around the corner, and Henry Cabot Lodge and John J. Pershing, and the elevator boy and Babe Ruth, and Vincent Astor and a motorman, and Thomas A. Edison and a college graduate, and Irvin S. Cobb and the proprietor of a cigar store in Kokomo—wouldn't you think it was quite a game?

It is said that Carpenter delivered a knockout punch while on his toes. Fitzsimmons pursued another method. He used to stand on the other man's toe and sock him while he had him anchored.

There is a good wrestling programme in Boston to-night. Zbyzsko grapples with Bert Daly, a member of the New York police force, and Cad-dick goes to the mat with Gardini.

Reading Carpenter's autobiography in the papers one is impressed with the fact that the Frenchman writes English even more fluently than he speaks it. It seems to be no trouble at all for him to dash off a column or two. He doubtless does his writing on the days when reporters are not admitted.

During the course of a season almost every baseball team runs up against more or less hard luck. Sometimes it is in the form of a passing cloud, while on other occasions it is a continued storm that blows a club right out of its pennant chances. It looks just now as if the Pirates were due for a spell of gloom. Carson Bigbee, the Pittsburgh outfielder, has wrenched a muscle in his right arm, but that isn't the worst piece of news for the home fans. Rabbit Maranville is reported to have gone to the hospital with an injured ankle. The great little infielder will be missed, especially if he doesn't get back before the games with the Cubs and the Giants.

Jack Dempsey is another prolific writer. It is plain that he hits a type-writer key with the same ease and sureness that he does a sparring partner. As is natural, Jack has a little more rugged literary style than Georges, but it's a trifle less polished.

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# IRISH MEUSEL AS A BROOKLYN NEMESIS

His Homer Beats That Team and He Ties Kelly's Count of Eight.

Irish Meusel swung his big bat with effective results at Ebbets Field yesterday afternoon and caused the downfall of the Dodgers. The score was 2 to 1, with the Phillies on the winning end.

In the first inning he slammed one of Smith's left handed offerings into the center field bleachers. It was his eighth on even terms with George Kelly of the Giants.

Incidentally, Irish is making a specialty of scoring home runs off members of Uncle Robbie's celebrated staff of moundmen. Of the eight he has cracked out four have been off Brooklyn pitchers. The one yesterday was his second.

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Williams, who fought back every inch of the way, gave Dempsey the best workout of the day. After setting a lively pace in the first round, Williams crossed the champion with a right hand punch to the chin soon after the start of the second round. Dempsey later took Williams, digging left foot into his mid-section and battering him around the head with vicious rights and lefts. Williams was dizzy and sagging at the knees when the round ended.

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The titleholder's sparring partners were cautioned to be careful of his damaged right eye, which was out Saturday, and to avoid the wound did not bother, as none of the swings touched it. After attending church in the morning, Dempsey, with Mayor Hader of Atlantic City, officiating, returned to several amusements, and the Mayor got the first thrill of the rides and other amusements.

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# Twenty-three Drivers to Start in 500 Mile Auto Race

Ralph de Palma Public Favorite for Big Event.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 29.—The last of the preliminary tryouts for the ninth renewal of the five hundred mile speedway auto race was held to-day, and to-night the 23 qualifying drivers had put the finishing touches on their cars and were ready for the starting block which will be fired at 10 A. M. to-morrow (Central standard time).

Ralph de Palma, who established a track record of more than 100 miles an hour in the tryouts and who holds the race record of an average of better than 89 miles an hour for the five hundred miles, to-night was the popular favorite for first place, despite his record of bad luck which has cost him many races during the final laps. De Palma drove the pole and alongside him at the start will be Rosecoe Scurry and Johnny Meyer, who made the next two best records in the qualifying tryouts.

Polo an Olympic Sport.

Bern, Switzerland, May 29.—The International Horse Race Commission meeting at Lausanne Saturday, and the United States represented, revised the Olympic programme and decided to maintain polo as an Olympic sport.

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